ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Cherokee.

1895—

COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT NEXT MEETING.

On Education—E M Waller, D J Dodd, Sand Mountain, Ala.
Literature—J L Pace, E Crawford, Guest, Ala.
Temperance—A J Noblett, E P Burroughs, Wills, Ala.
Foreign Missions—J G Denton, J A Garrett, Luna, Ala.
Home Missions—D M Burgess, W H Lackey, Stella, Ala.
State Missions—C C Davis, H R Jordan, Collinsville, Ala.
Sabbath Schools—E J Bobo, W H Logan, Collinsville, Ala.
Finance—Committee reported this meeting Charles Walden, H R Jordan, J W Lackey.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1 Reading letters from the churches.
2 Reading By-Laws, Constitution and Articles of Faith.
3 Call for petitionary letters.
4 Invite visiting ministers and brethren to seats.
5 Election of officers.
6 Call for correspondence.
7 Appoint committees.
8 Fix the time and place for holding next meeting.
9 Report of committees.
10 Report of special committees.
11 Miscellaneous business.
12 Read and correct the minutes.
13 Read and correct the roll of members.
14 Fix the order of printing and distributing the minutes.

Standing Resolution—That any member of this body presenting a copy of these Minutes to any Association with which we correspond will be considered a messenger by us.

....PROCEEDINGS....

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Cherokee Baptist Association met with Friendship Church, DeKalb county, Ala., October 17th, 1895, continuing three days.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder E M Waller, at 11 a. m. Text: 23d verse of the 26th chapter of Jeremiah.

At 2 p. m. the meeting was called to order by the Moderator. Read 103 Psalm and prayer by Elder J J Beason, from Tennessee River Association.

Appointed Brethren J J Beason and C S Johnson to read letters from the churches.

ENROLLED NAMES OF DELEGATES.

Antioch—E Crawford, J H Abercrumbie; Beulah—Marion Little, H L Horton; Pilgrims Rest—G W Ingram; Black Creek—W H Logan, W S Bonds, A A Rash; Bivron—J A Young, N B Moore; Corinth—M A Cook, Perry J Smith; Friendship—A J Noblett, B D Ward, R J Shelley; Flat Rock—J G Denton, P C Chitwood, E J Corley; Fort Payne—A T Killian, H J Hannack, Charles Walden; Gravel Hill—J A Garrett; Iduma—Not represented; Liberty—H Jas Smith; Kyuka—J S Horton, J H Haynie, Mt Pleasant—S C Richards, Robert Upton, Stephen Hall; Mt Zion No. 1—Geo Karr; Mt Zion No. 2—H A Morris, T P Morris; Mt Flat—J V Cash, S L Heaton; Mt Vernon—J W Lackey, W H Lackey, W D Bishop, D M Burges, Lee Glazener; Macedonia—E P Borroughs, F B Wilbanks, E M Stone, W F Phillips; New Hope—D J Dodd, E M Waller, J J Clayton, John Hearn; New Home—L Chambers, W H Stone; New Canaan—W N Smith; New Harmony—D M Stott, W R Shamblee; Pleasant Valley—E J Bobo, E W Waldrop; Providence No. 1—T P Galloway, R L Waldrop; Providence No. 2—J T Chadwich, J S Baily; Pleasant Grove—J B Appleton, H R Jordon, C G Watts, C C Davis; Shiloh—J L Pace; Shady Grove—G N Cleland; Tennessee Valley—M J Green, Joe Marshall; Oak Grove—No delegates; Unity—N L Culver, John McDowell, F W Pope; Union Grove No. 1—M C Dean, T H P Thackerson; Union Grove No. 2—Wm McKensell, Martin Dodd.

Called for petitionary letters and received letters and delegates from Union Grove No. 1 and Union Grove No. 2 and letters from Oak Grove and letters from Mt Tabor, but did not receive them into fellowship at this meeting, it was deferred till next meeting. Election of officers for the ensuing year: Eld. J B Appleton, Moderator, C C Davis Clerk. Invited correspondents and visiting brethren to seats. Brethren present M F Owin from Marshall Association, J J Beason from Tennessee River, C. S. Johnson from Coosa River. Appointed devotional committee, deacons of the church and three brethren from the body. Preaching at the church at night by Elder E Crawford, at Dawson by C S Johnson, Mt Tabor J T Chadwick. Ap-

pointed committee. Read report on home missions. Adjourned to 9 a m tomorrow. Prayer by Elder E Crawford.

SECOND DAY—9 A. M.

Meeting called to order by the Moderator. Read 19 Psalm led in prayer by Elder J L Pace. Read and approved minutes of the day before. Read letter from Tennessee Valley church. On motion appointed to investigate the letter from Mt Tabor church: Committee E P Burroughs, L Chambers, J G Denton, W H Lackey, M C Dean, B D Ward, Oliver Hanvey, Charles Crump, E W Brown.

Agreed to meet with Fort Payne church (DeKalb county Ala.,) on Tuesday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1896.

Read report on literature. Read reports on farm, home and state mission and adopted after a short speech by E J Bobo. Bro. S. C Richards moved his right to preach missionary sermon and requested Bro C S Johnson to fill his place at 11 o'clock a m. Text 1st John latter clause of the 8th verse, 1st chapter. Bro M F Owin preached at Fairview at 11 a m. Public collection $14.44.

2. p m—Met and suspended regular order of business to hear reports of committee relating to Mt Tabor church. Spent the evening in debating the question. The committee reported that they saw reason why the church should not be admitted into fellowship with the body. Motion to table report indifinately lost. Motion to postpone till next meeting carried. Adopted reports on missions

Read and adopted reports on education. Preaching at the church at night by V M Stone, at Dawson, by C S Johnson; at Mt Tabor, by J S Horton; at Bro R J Shelley's, by D M Burges; at Tidwell School House, by J T Chadwick. Adjourned to 9 a m tomorrow. Prayer by Elder L Chambers.

THIRD DAY—9 A. M.

Called meeting to order by moderator. Read 1st Psalm. Prayer by Elder V M Stone.

Read and amended minutes of the day before. Read report on temperance and adopted after telling speeches by D M Burges, E Crawford, E M Waller, J J Clayton, A J Noblett, E J Bobo, S C Richards, V M Stone, J G Denton, L Chambers. Received report of finance committee. Elder D M Burges preached at 11 o'clock at Fairview. Report on Sabbath schools read and debated by V M Stone and E J Bobo.

The little children of Pleasant Valley Sunday school sent up seven cents for China mission.

Read and accepted report of Elder S C Richard's work for the associational year. Appointed delegates to state convention, J B Appleton, H R Jordan, W H Lackey.

Elected delegates to the Southern Baptist convention which meets in Chattanooga including 2nd Sunday in May, 1896. Eld J B Appleton, delegate; C C Davis, alternate.

On motion, divided the public collection with the Orphans Home at Evergreen and Farm Mission, etc.,

On motion gave Bro S C Richards the money sent up for state missions.

Appointed committee on nomination, J W Lackey, E M Stone, W H Logan.

On a motion made some arrangements to settle with Bro. Richards and there was some personal pledges and some for the churches.

On nomination elected Elder E Crawford to preach the Introductory sermon at next meeting and J L Pace, alternate and Elder A J Noblett missionary on 2nd day at 11 a m and V. M Stone alternate.

On motion elected J B Appleton chairman of executive committee with D D Hughes, T N Appleton, A B Tidmore, C C Davis.

Elected S C Richards to travel as missionary in the Association for the time that he and executive committee may agree upon. Allowed the clerk ten dollars for his services to use the balance of the minuted fund in printing and distribuiing the minutes.

The following are the amounts pledged by the churches and endividuals for S C Richard to be paid soon: Antioch, 50c; Beulah $1.00; Pilgrims Rest, $1.00; Friendship, $2.00; Gravel Hill, $3.00; Liberty Hill, $2.00; Mt Flat, $1.00; Macedonia, $1.00; Mt Vernon, $2.00; New Hope, $2.00; New Harmony, 50c; Pleasant Valley, $1.00; Providence No. 2. 50c; Pleasant Grove, $3,00; Tennessee Valley, 50; Unity, 50c., Mt Pleasant $2.

Amounts pledged by the churches to help Tennessee Valley church finish their house by the 1st of January, 1896: Antioch 25 cents; Pilgrims Rest 50 cents; Black Creek one dollar; Liberty Hill 60 cents; Kyuka 50 cents; Mt Zion No 1 25 cents; Macedonia one dollar; Mt Vernon one dollar; Providence No 2 one dollar; Pleasant Grove $3.

Resolved, That the body extend thanks Friendship church and community for the hospitable way in which they entertained the association and visiting brethren.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received of Finance Committee		$121 08
Paid to S C Richards, State Missions	$ 28 72	
Paid to W B Crumpton, Home Missions	16 38	
" " " " Foreign Missions	45 01	
" " " " Orphans Home.	7 22	
" " " " Curlean Mission	07	
" for printing and distributing minutes	14 45	
" to Clerk	10 00	
Total		$121 85

Ordained ministers and post offices—E Crawford, Luttrell; A J Noblett, Wills; J G Denton, Luna; J B Appleton, T J Lankford, Collinsville; , S C Richards, Guest; J C Morris, Loveless; L Chambers, Rains; D M Burgess, W H Lackey, Stella; E M Waller, J J Clayton, D J Dodd, Sand Mountain; J R Nix, Whiton; J S Horton, J H Horton, Duck Springs; T J Chadwick, Meltonsville; J L Pace, Guest; John Pitts, M C Dean, E S Stone, Mahan; G W Ingram, Tip; E P Burroughs, Geraldine; A N Mince, Yancy.

Licentiate Ministers and Post Offices—W J Taylor, W R Johnson, Ten Broeck; P C Chitwood, J J Williams, Thirty-Nine; T P Morris, Loveless; W D Bishop, Stella; W N Smith, J J Dodd, W L C Hendon, Whiton; T P Gallaway, J M Graves, Collinsville; V M Stone, Mahan; P H Carlyle, G R Thackerson, Callahan; J F Smith, Wm Hearn, Rodentown; C J Crump, Wills; Bryson Fish, Musgrove.

The following report shows the work of Rev S C Richards for 1894-95: Work days, 75; sermons preached, 135; churches constituted, 3; deacons ordained, 2; ministers ordained, 1; Sabbath school lectures, 6; baptisms, 5; burials, 2; miles traveled, 875; received $23.20.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

We find by examining the report of Baptist State Board of Missions for the year ending July 1st 1895, that they are obeying the Divine commission to "Go in to all the world and preach the gospel, beginning at Jerusalem." They have had 40 men employed and 13 were colporteurs. Days of service, 5,011; miles traveled, 30,461; sermons, 2,332; addresses made, 1,132; churches constituted, 1; number of persons baptised, 337; baptised by others, 369; received by letter, 305; restored, 42; Sunday schools organized, 43; prayer meetings, 101; prayer meetings attended, 639; money collected for missions, $1.575; and done many other good things by visiting families, distributing tracts, donating Bibles and Testaments. Brethren, we should be encouraged and continue to help in this grand cause for our Great Redeemer.

C. C. Davis, chairman.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

We, your committee on Home Missions, submit the following: This subject is one of vital interest and teaches some of the most important issues of national and religious life.

The United States census show that in 1890 there was in this country 62,622,250 inhabitants. Of that number 9,121,867 were born on foreign soil, and 11,568,675 were born of foreign parentage. That means that one in every six and-a-half persons is a foreigner: or one in every three persons in the United States is either a foreigner or of foreign parentage. Nor is foreign emmigration decreasing while 500,000 foreigners land on our shores every year. Thirteen per cent. of this element are wholly illiterate and a very large per cent. can neither read nor write. One hundred years ago only four per cent. of the population lived in cities; in 1895 54 per cent are found in the cities, but the greatest misfortune of all is that these foreigners bring along with them their anarchy, their Romanism, and their want of morals. We must evangelize them or they will overwhelm us with their idolatry. General Statement.—Number of missionaries this year 425, an increase of 44 over last year of the board's history. Cash receipts $88,640, being 15,319 larger than last year.

Summary of the Work.—Missionaries, 425; weeks of labor, 11,466; churches and stations, 3,484, sermons and addresses 46,620; prayer meetings, 5,774; baptisms, 5,921; received by letter, 6,519; total additions, 10,564. Sunday schools, 2,110; teachers and pupils, 23,702; churches constituted, 178; houses of worship built, 52; Bibles and Testaments distributed 7,393. Respectfully submitted,

A. J. Noblett, J. L. Pace.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

This being the fifty-first session of this body, your committee wish to offer the following report: God's blessings have rested upon us both at home and in foreign fields during the past year. A greater interest in missions seem to be in the hearts of the people, a larger amount has been given for the work, and many baptisms have been reported on the foreign fields. The Southern Baptist convention was organized in Augusta, Ga., 1845; at that meeting the foreign Mission Board was appointed. During the fifty years of its existence, 310 missionaries have been sent out and $1.814,800 for the work. Missions are now sustained in China, Africa, Italy, Brazil, Mexico and Japan. The report to the convention which met in Washington May 10th showed the following statistics for China: 41 missionaries, 25 native helpers, 16 churches, 1,131 members, 118 baptisms. African missions, 7 missionaries, 6 native helpers, 4 churches 239 members, 67 baptisms. Italy, 3 missionaries from the United States, 28 native preachers and colporteurs, 18 churches 353 members, 28 baptisms. Brazillian missions, 14 missionaries, 6 native helpers, 14 churches, 610 members, 133 baptisms. Mexican missions, 26 missionaries, 19 native helpers, 32 churches, 1,120 members, 226 baptisms. Japanese missions, 6 missionaries, 5 native helpers, 1 church, 40 members, 9 baptisms. Total, churches, 85; members, 3,493; baptism 581. The Foreign Mission Board is appointed annually by the Southern Baptist convention. As the convention is composed of representatives from the churches, the Board is the servant of the churches.

It is composed of men who belong to some of these churches; these brethren are selected with a view to their piety, integrity, capacity and interest in the mission work. No better set of men could be found anywhere than those composing the Board. To these brethren is entrusted the duty of directing our foreign mission work. This includes (1.) establishing mission stations: (2.) selecting and sending out the missionaries: (3.) settling questions which arise on the field as to the work: (4.) providing for the support of the missionaries. In all these points great wisdom is needed and the Board often feels it necessary to report questions for decision back to the brethren in convention who appointed them. The question is often asked does foreign mission pay? We will only have to refer you to the report of 1892. The report then showed 74 churches, with a membership of 2,723. If we look at the record of the last ten years we shall see something of the present growth of the work. In 1882 the Board reported 20 churches with a membership of 740, so there has been a net gain in ten years of 54 churces and 1,983 members or 5 churches and 198 members per year for the year 1891-92. The board reports 434 baptisms in the foreign field. There were, laboring on the foreign field during that year, 38 males and 53 female missionaries, a total of 91. The 434 baptisms reported make an average of five per missionary, or if we count the men alone, eleven for each. Compare now these figures with the results in your own church. Were there eleven persons baptised by you or your pastor last year? If so was it true upon an average of each church of the association. Do foreign missions pay? The report shows for 1891 and '92 that each poor little weak missionary church received by baptism during the year three to one of our larger churches. In other words God gave three times as great a harvest on the foreign fields as at home. Does foreign mission pay three to one? We recommend on the adoption of the report on missions that the name of each church be called and the delegates say what they will try to raise for missions. This shall in no wise be considered an assessment, but simply a request.

Respectfully submitted, E. Crawford. S. C. Richard.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

As the ages advance the arts and sciences advance. Neglected opportunities to improve the mind in early life will be a source of regret at some future period; hence the culture of the young should begin in the cradle. It is really the first duty on all whom the responsibility of training rest. The process of education is going on and if true and useful education is neglected other people and other influences are sure to educate wrong. Our best soil yields the fullest reward, but neglected is sure to yield an abundant waste. So the ability to train properly and truly those trusted to our care memorializes our ancestors and transmits a blessing to future posterity. So many of the good and of the great who rest from their labors are still doing much to advance the cause of education To neglect the education of our children has by the most prominent minds been a thought too withering to even contemplate for a moment. It would be to wither our flowers of greatest beauty. We have many children of promise. It would be a risk we cannot take. It could but reduce the most fruitful land to a barren waste. Education is one of the most prominent factors in every portion of the civilized world. It is a knowledge of all the essential principles that enter into both religious and civil liberty. It prepares us to think and act right, when coupled with sobriety and christian piety. We have a true type of man and womanhood among the self-educated as the world has ever produced, whose means and circumstances did not allow them to enter the better halls of learning. Such stand to-day without a peer in the fields of usefulness whose examples should encourage the humble classes who cherish aspirations for learning and wisdom. We have the common school system and we believe concert and frugality practiced each community could have at least a five months' school every year. We feel that fearful responsibilities await those who do not utilize such opportunities. Strife is detrimental to everything that is good, schools as well. Respectfully, J. G. Denton.

REPORT ON LITERATURE.

We, your committee on Literature, submit the following: We do now as in the past. Remember the bible—first of all literature, for it is the source and fountain from whence all sound literature gets its origin, for it is the inspired word of God, the only safe and sure guide for the human race to lead them to the everlasting fountain the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ—the Savior's friend. We recommend the following Baptist organs to-wit: The Alabama Baptist, Montgomery; The Christian Index, Atlanta, Ga.; Texas Baptist, Waco, Tex.; American Baptist Flag, St. Louis; also our Home, Field and Foreign Mission Journal, (now consolidated) published in Richmond, Va., at fifty cents per year. For Sabbath schools we recommend Kind Words, by Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., for denominational books and tracts, J. R. Graves & Son, Nashville, Tenn., and Baptist Missions rooms, Lexington street, Baltimore, Md. Respectfully submitted.

E. M. Waller, Chairman.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The committee on Sabbath school submit the following report: The minutes of last year show that out of the 31 churches in the bounds of this association, we have ten Sunday schools with total of 309 students. This is a very small showing for such a large body of churches and should not be so. The great work of Sunday schools is the work of the Master and we as laborers with him in the work. We feel that a great work is being done by the Sunday school in various countries. We also feel that a most important work is neglected by the neglect of Sunday schools as a means of imparting Bible truths upon the minds of the young and especially the children. Brethren let us covenant together to work for Sunday schools in our ranks in the future. We are believers in Sunday schools. We think it a grand work; a means of a great blessing and that without which we will fail to enjoy. Then let us go to work in prayerful earnestness for this much neglected part of the Master's work, that we may be the happy sharers of the great blessings obtained through this means, and which it is our privilege to enjoy.

Respectfully submitted, V. M. Stone, A. J. Vaughn.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee on Temperance, beg leave to submit the following: That Temperance is on the back ground in our own bounds. Brethren, who is at fault? We haven't heard the liquor traffic cried down from the pulpit in twelve months. I am sorry to say, brethren, no wonder drunkenness and crime are on the increase. The liquor power has the country by the throat. Political parties and legislators are under its control. It dictates candidates and elects them in many places. It takes charge of public schools and claims to be a friend of education. It hurls its bloody banner in the face of temperance workers and defies them to do their worst with twenty names on a petition. It can set up its infamous business in the midst of a

thousand opposers. God pity our land of religious freedom. The country grows poorer and the liquor kings grow richer. Where are the watchmen? What are they doing? Of one thing I am certain—they are not sounding the alarm. If from every pulpit in the state the alarm was sounded, and every phase of this devilish traffic was exposed there would be such a reformation take place as the world never knew. Let the tyrant fall. We can bring him down. Will we do it? If we cannot then the pulpit has lost its power and preachers are no longer reformers. Respectfully, C. J. CRUMP.

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PREAMBLE.

We, the churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon the profession of our faith, are convinced from a series of experiences of the necessity of a combination of churches, and maintaining a correspondence for the preserving of a christian union among all churches of the same faith and order, and, as we are convinced that there are a number of Baptist churches who differ from us in faith and practice, and that it is impossible to have communion where there is no union, we think it our duty to set forth a concise declaration of the faith and order upon which we intend to associate, which is as follows, viz:

CONSTITUTION.

1. This association shall be known as the Cherokee Baptist Association.

2. The objects of this association are to promote union among the children of God, their growth in grace, the salvation of sinners and the Glory of God, for effecting all of which they are authorized to adopt the arrangements they may judge proper: Provided, such arrangements are in accordance with the intention of the union as expressed in the preamble and directed by the word of God.

3. The Association shall be composed of brethren, chosen by the churches in union which they represent, who shall produce certificates of their appointment, together with a statement of the members in their respective churches—of those baptised, received by letter, restored, dismissed excommunicated and dead during the year, and the whole number now in fellowship.

4. Each church shall have the liberty of sending two delegates for the first fifty, and one for every fifty or fraction over.

5. Each church shall have a Moderator and Clerk (last shall be Treasurer), who shall be chosen by ballot out of the members present, and who shall continue in office until a new election be made.

6. After the reading of the letters from the churches, enrolling the names of the delegates and minuting the state of each churches, the Constitution Declaration of Faith, and By-Laws shall be read. The door shall be opened for the admission of other churches into the union. If any such shall present themselves by letter or delegates they shall, on satisfactory evidence of their regular formation, faith and practice, be received

into fellowship upon the principles of the Constitution, by the right hand of fellowship from the Moderator.

7. After reading the Constitution, Declaration of Faith and By Laws, and the reception of other churches, if any apply, then the Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen.

8. The Moderator shall be considered a judge of order and call to its observance at any time. He shall have the privilege of leaving his seat, upon putting one in his place, and of engaging in debate.

9. The Clerk shall minute the proceedings of the Association, prepare them for the press, keep a file of the printed minutes, present them at each session for use of the Association, and deliver them to his successor. He shall also take charge of the money and property of the Association, and dispose of them as the body shall direct.

10. In the decision of any point the majority of votes shall determine the point.

11. The association shall recognize the entire independence of the churches as to any other head than Christ. The Association shall not assume any power over them in relation to their internal concerns, but shall aid them in any consistant manner. The association will receive and act upon any question that may be sent up by the churches, and attend to any case of difficulty among them which they cannot satisfactorily settle among themselves.

12. Each member of the association will be expected to be in his place at the hour of meeting on the first day and each day of the session, and remain until the dismission of the body.

13. As the object of this union is to promote brotherly love, the edification of Christians, the conversion of sinners and the glory of God, it shall be its duty and privilege to hold affectionate correspondence with other associations, and to embrace every opportunity of doing good unto all men, and especially to them that are of the household of faith, as in their judgment may seem proper.

14. This association shall adjourn at any time and place they determine upon.

15. The churches of this association shall send up yearly by their messengers a reasonable contribution for the printing of the minutes, which business shall be confided to some discreet person, who shall have it in charge to superintend the printing and distribution to the associations with whom correspondence is maintained, and to the churches in fellowship.

16. As this association is a voluntary connection, each church in it shall have the liberty of withdrawing, upon a request setting forth its reasons for such a step—at the same time, itself, be bound to hear and weigh any reasons that may be urged against its withdrawal before its final separation.

17. The Association shall have the privilege of withdrawing its connection with any church in the union which shall become disorderly after consistent efforts have been made in vain to reclaim her from errors.

18. No alteration shall be made in the Constitution, or in the Declaration of Faith and Practice, hereinafter set forth, except such alteration shall be passed a year previous upon the Minutes and the views of the churches obtained; when, if a majority of the churches and two-thirds of the Association shall approve of it, the alteration shall be made.

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BY-LAWS.

1. Preparatory to the organization of the Association an introductory sermon shall be preached by a member appointed at the previous session, and another shall be named at the same time to perform the duty in case of the failure of the first.

2. This service being performed, the Moderator, or, if he be absent the oldest minister present shall open the Association by prayer.

3. He shall call for letters from the churches, when the delegates shall present them and take their seats in order.

4. When the Association is regularly organized, as prescribed in the Constitution, the correspondence with other associations shall be called for, the letters read and messengers received by the right hand of fellowship from the Moderator. These messengers shall be invited to seats in the Association and accorded the privilege of speaking on any subject before the body, but not of voting on any. Other visiting brethren may be invited to seats with the same privilege and prohibition.

5. The minutes of the last Association shall be read, and shall form the order of business for the session. A change may, however, be made in this order on special motion.

6. Subjects not embraced in the last minutes may at the discretion of the Association, be taken up at any time when there is no business directly before the body.

7. Any subject not contained in the minutes must be regularly brought forward by motion, which shall be seconded before it can be taken up. After this it shall be considered as properly at the disposal of the Association, unless it be withdrawn by the mover.

8. No one shall speak oftener than three times on the same subjects, except permitted by the Association. The speaker shall always rise to his feet and address the Moderator.

9. Silence and decorum shall be observed by every member of the Association while the body is in session, and more especially in the time of debate. All personal reflections and remarks tending to wound the feeling of brethren shall be strictly avoided.

10. No member of the Association shall leave the house while the Association is in session, without leave from the Moderator.

11. In order to expedite business committees shall be raised at the discretion of the Association, who shall be named by the Moderator.

12. The meetings of the Association shall, on each day of the session be opened and closed with prayer.

13. The minutes of each day shall be read at its close and the opening of business, after prayer each succeeding day, when the names of the delegates shall be called, and the whole minutes of the session shall be read at its close and signed by the Moderator and Clerk.

14. Any alteration of these By-Laws may be made at any meeting of the Association by two-thirds of the members prsent.

DECLARATION OF FAITH AND PRACTICE.

ARTICLE 1. We believe that there are three that bear record in Heaven: The Father, Word and Holy Ghost; and that these three are one, the only living and true God, the creator and preserver of all men of the universe.—1st John 5, 7; 1st Tim. 2, 5; Proverbs 26, 4.

2. We believe the Word was made flesh in the person of the man named Christ Jesus, who is God over all, and blessed ever more.—John 1, 14; 1st Timothy 2, 5; Romans 9, 9.

That all scripture, as contained in the Holy Bible is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for correction, for reproof, for instruction in righteousnes, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.—2d Timothy 3, 16; 2d Peter 1, 20, 21.

4. That the law and testimony, as set fourth in the scriptures, is the only rule of faith and practice to Christians in their spiritual concerns, and in their conduct as individuals and as members of the churches.—Isaiah 8. 20.

5. That Adam the natural head and representative of all mankind, fell from his state of original purity, that by his disobedience all his posterity are made sinners.—Gen. 3; Romans 5, 12, 19.

6. That by the obedience of Christ alone sinners are restored to the favor of God, and through his unmerited mercy receive regeneration, pardon, justification, sanctification and glorification.—Romans 5, 19, 21; 8, 29; John 3, 16.

7. That those blessings are communicated by the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven, so that those who are saved by grace, through faith, and not of themselves not of works, least any man should boast not by works of righteousness which they have done but by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost.—1 Peter 1. 12; Ephesians 2, 8, 9; Titus 3, 5.

8. That God works all things after the council of his own will, foreknown unto him are all his works from the beginning; and that of course, all that the Father given to Christ shall come to Him and he will raise them up at last the day, so that his sheep will his voice, and shall never perish; become dead to the world and sin, be made alive to God, and shall, when he who is their life shall appear with him in glory.—Eph. 1:2; Acts 15:18; John 6:30, 10:28-29; Col. 3:3 4.

9. We believe that believers should obey the commandments of Christ and maintain good works for necessary uses.—John 14, 15; Titus 3, 14.

10. That sinners of the vilest character may obtain salvation through Christ without money and price.—Isaiah 1, 18 55; John 3, 16.

11. That there will be a resurrection of the dead, and a general judgement, according to the decision of which the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment, and the righteous to life eternal.—Daniel 12, 2; John 5, 28, 29; Rev. 20, 12, 13; Matthew 25, 30, and to the end.

12. That God has instituted a church on the earth, existing in distinct bodies, the only scriptural members of which are the faithful in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, who are immersed in water in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, and who have given themselves to the Lord and to one another in the church relation by the will of God and their voluntary compact—Mathew 18, 18; Corinthians 1, 2; Ephesians 1, 2; Romans 6, 3, 4; Colos. 2:12; 2 Cor. 8:5; Acts 1:14, 21:41-47.

13. That each church of Jesus Christ is independent of all authority but that of her head, and she has under Him the exclusive power of managing all her concerns of judging of the qualifications of her own members for the offices they are to fill, and of chosing her own offices in conformity with the direction of the Word of God.—Mathew 14, 28; 2 Thes. 2, 11; 1 Cor. 14, 29, 21; Acts 14, 23, (see original) Phil. 1, 15.

14. That the officers of the churches are pastors and deacons only.—1st Timothy 3.

15. That scriptural baptism is an ordinance of the Gospel and consists in immersing the body of a disciple of the Lord Jesus in water upon a profession of faith in Christ.—Mat. 18, 19; Mark 16, 16; John 4, 1, 2; Acts 2, 41; Acts 8, 12, 37, 38; Acts 10, 47, 48; Rom. 6, 3; Col. 2, 12.

16. That the Lord's Supper is a standing ordinance of the Church of Christ, consisting in a believing participation of bread and wine, to be observed in commemoration of the death of Christ, and to show forth his death until he come the second time.—Mat. 16:28; 27:26; Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:23 27.

Financial Exhibit of Cherokee Baptist Association.

Churches.	State Missions.	Home Missions	Foreign Mis'ns.	Minutes.
Antioch				40
Bulah			1 70	65
Black Creek			1 80	1 00
Bivron			2 00	35
Corinth	$10 00			1 00
Friendship			25	1 00
Flat Rock				1 20
Fort Payne				50
Gravel Hill	3 00	2 00		80
Liberty Hill	4 20			75
Kynka				75
Mt. Pleasant			4 40	86
Mt. Zion, No. 1	50			75
Mt. Zion, No. 2	68	68	68	50
Mt. Vernon	3 20	4 20	3 10	1 40
Mt. Flat				50
Macedonia				80
New Harmony			3 75	60
New Hope	1 39			1 35
New Canaan			1 75	60
New Home				50
Oak Grove				40
Pilgrim's Rest			2 00	50
Pleasant Valley	2 20		90	1 15
Providence, No. 1			1 70	85
Providence, No. 2	1 05		1 05	40
Pleasant Grove		6 35	6 35	2 15
Shiloh				60
Shady Grove			50	25
Tennessee Valley				60
Unity	6 15		2 50	60
Union Grove, No. 1				50
Union Grove, No. 2			2 50	60
Total	$32 37	$13 23	$36 93	$24 86

Corinth, Indigent Ministers, 80 cents; Friendship, Ministerial Education, v. $2.00; Foreign Missions, vouchers, $31.03; Home Missions, vou , $6.69; State Missions, vouchers, $24.35; Sunday Schools, benevolence, $45.20.

STATISTICS OF THE CHEROKEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Church.	County.	Pastor.	Clerk.	Clerk's P. O.	Membership last reported.	Inc'd by baptism.	Inc'd by letter...	Inc'd by restor't'n	Dec'd by letter.	Dec'd by exclus'n.	Dec'd by death.	Present Membership.	Sunday School. Off. and Trs.	Sunday School. Pupils	Sunday School. Superintendent's name.	Preach'g Sabbath
Antioch.	DeKalb..	E Crawford..	T A Capshaw	Luttrell.....	28	11	3		1	1		40	2	35	T A Capshaw	3
Bulah	"	E Crawford..	Marion Little	Ten Broeck..	52	16	4		9		1	62	8	65	W J Taylor.	1
Black Creek...	Etowah .	J B Appleton	W S Bond ..	Tabor.	93	2	3			3		86				4
Bivron	DeKalb..	J L Pace.....	B S Mitchell.	Emmitton. ..	15							15				3
Corrinth	Jackson..	S C Richards.	M A Cook....	Talley.	35	1						33				3
Friendship	DeKalb..	E M Waller..	W Y Glover.	Dawson.....	102		3	1	20	5	1	97				1
Flat Rock.....	"	J G Denton..	T M Corley ..	Guest.....	76	6	3		1		1	81				1
Fort Payne....	"	C S Johnson..	C Walden....	Fort Payne..	79	2	7		9	1	1	82				1
Gravel Hill....	"	A J Noblett.	D D Hughes.	Lebanon.	54	4	1	1		3		57				2
Iduma	Etowah .	A N Mince..	M T Gray....	Keener	23							23				4
Liberty Hill ..	DeKalb..	T J Lankford	A B Tidmore	Collinsville ..	86		4		5			85				2
Kyuka	Etowah..	M F Owen..	J H Haney..	Duck Spring.	72	1			6		1	80	7	69	S T Cothran.	2
Mt Pleasant...	DeKalb..	A J Noblett.	Stephen Hall	Gad.	78	5	1		11	7		66	8	50	W R Johnson	3
Mt Zion, No 1.	"	.....	CY Culberson	Valley Head.	58				11		1	44				1
Mt Zion, No 2.	Cherokee.	D M Burgess.	A M Studard	Stella.....	43	7	2		5	2	1	51				1
Mt Flat	DeKalb..	A N Mince..	J M Cash . ..	Halford..	92		4		13	1		85	3	85	J V Cash.	1
Macedonia. .	"	L Chambers..	F B Wilbanks	Geraldine....	110	12	3		16		1	106	7	34	J W Corley.	1
Mt Vernon	"	D M Burgess.	J V Glazener	Stella	115	41	23	1	6	4		170	10	60	L Glazener.	3
New Hope.....	"	A J Noblett.	E L Waller..	Sand Mo'tain	117	10		1	12	3	1	112			B C Jones.	3
New Canaan .	"	J R Nix	A O Mayfield.	Peters	60	1	6	2	3	4	1	61				3
New Home....	"	J R Nix.....	M A Williams	Rains.....	65		1		2	10		60				2
New Harmony	"	E M Waller..	W R Chamble	Whiton	64	22	3	1	4			86			J N Sherley.	2
Oak Grove .	"	S C Richards.	B Fish.....	.....	....	3	2					12				4
Pleasant Valley	Etowah..	J B Appleton	A K Bobo....	Leonard	104	1	8		6	4		101				2
Providence, No 1	DeKalb..	J S Horton..	R L Waldrop.	Chumley	63	14	2	1	7	2		74	5	69	A N Mince.	1
Providence, No 2	Marshall.	T J Chadwick	W H Blackwel	Whiton.....	22	3	2	1	4	2		33				3
Pleasant Grove	DeKalb..	C S Johnson.	W S Reed....	Collinsville ..	137	11	5		8		1	141	6	50	C C Davis.	3
Shiloh	"	J L Pace....	A C Dickson	Black Oak ..	28	2		1	6	1		33				4
Shady Grove ..	"	T J Landford	B A Gregory.	Collinsville ..	52	1	1	1	20	4		28				1
Tenn. Valley..	Marshall.	J T Chadwick	W H Slaton.	Meltonsville .	47	1	1		4			54	5	14	J P Marshall.	1
Unity	DeKalb.	M C Dean....	W H Sum'er'or	Mahan	104	2	1		24		1	81				4
Union Grove, N 1	"	" "	T P Th'ckers'n	Callahan	....	1	6					28				4
Union Grove, N 2	"	L Chambers.	A D Clayton.	.. ..	....	9	1					35				2
Pilgrum Rest.	"	E Crawford..	W N Plaster	Callahan	28	1	11		7			33	6	42		
				Total....	2100	204	126	12	232	57	12	2215	67			